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What is claimed is:

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1. A method of increasing the depth of shade of dyed natural or synthetic polyamide fibre materials, which comprises treating the fibre material before, during or after dyeing with a liquor comprising a compound of formula (1)

$$Y \longrightarrow (CHR_7)_y \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N$$

$$N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N$$

$$R$$

$$(1)$$

wherein R is halogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₅-C₂₄aryl, C₆-C₃₆aralkyl, -OR₁ or -NR₁R₂, R₁ and R₂

being, each independently of the other, hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, mercapto, carboxyl, sulfo, C₁-C₁₂alkylsulfonyl, C₅-C₂₄arylsulfonyl or C₆-C₃₆aralkylsulfonyl groups, C₅-C₂₄aryl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, sulfo, C₁-C₁₂alkylsulfonyl, C₅-C₂₄arylsulfonyl or C₆-C₃₆aralkylsulfonyl groups, or C₆-C₃₆aralkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, sulfo, C₁-C₁₂alkylsulfonyl, C₅-C₂₄arylsulfonyl or C₆-C₃₆aralkylsulfonyl groups,

X and Y are, each independently of the other, mercapto, $-NR_3R_4$ or $-N^*R_3R_4R_5$ A⁻, wherein R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are, each independently of the others, hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl and A⁻ is chloride, bromide, iodide, sulfate or methylsulfate,

- R_6 and R_7 are, each independently of the other, hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, and x and y are, each independently of the other, a number from 2 to 12.
 - 2. A method according to claim 1, which comprises using a compound of formula (1) wherein x and y are the same.
 - 3. A method according to either claim 1 or claim 2, which comprises using a compound of formula (1) wherein x and y are 3, 4 or 6.
- 4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, which comprises using acompound of formula (1) wherein X and Y are the same.

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- 5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, which comprises using a compound of formula (1) wherein R is a group of formula -NH-(CHR₈)_z-Z wherein R₈ is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂alkyl, Z is hydroxy, mercapto or amino, and z is a number from 2 to 12.
- 6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the compound of formula (1) is present in the liquor in an amount of from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the weight of the polyamide fibre material.
- 7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fibre material istreated before the dyeing.

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- 8. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the treatment with the liquor comprising the compound of formula (1) is carried out at a temperature of from 20 to 130°C.
- 9. A method according to claim 7, wherein the pretreatment is carried out at a pH of from 7 to 13.
- 10. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the treatment with theliquor comprising the compound of formula (1) is carried out in accordance with the exhaust process.
 - 11. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the polyamide fibre material is in the form of microfibres.
 - 12. A textile adjuvant comprising an aqueous solution of a compound of formula (1) according to claim 1.